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1 RICHARD CLAESSENS: Richard
2 C-l-a-e-s-s-e-n-s. I just want to go on record as
3 being still, in spite of all the evidence and
4 looking at the CD that was provided by the Yucca
5 Mountain Energy Department, I just don't feel it's
6 still an appropriate site, especially when you've
7 got an already previously contaminated Test Site
8 right next door that's contaminated.

9 Why not build it somewhere nearby or
10 behind that further into Nellis Air Force Base?
11 I'm sure there's an appropriate mountain back in
12 the base someplace that's outside the bombing range
13 that could be also used out of the watershed and
14 out of the Amargosa Valley.

15 I'm a resident of Amargosa Valley, which
16 is 25 miles or less from the Yucca Mountain
17 Project. So they're literally putting nuclear
18 waste on my back door, you know, my back porch. If
19 my neighbor starts putting his garbage over my back
20 fence, I wouldn't be very happy about it.

21 And no one knows that choice. That's sort

22 of what the states are doing. All the states in
23 the United States think, well, there's a big empty
24 place to put it, in spite of the fact that Nevada,
25 the majority of Nevadans do not want the dump
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1 there, you know. I hate to call it a dump because
2 I know it's not being dumped. I know it's being
3 placed very carefully in the mountain and with very
4 careful safeguards and covers and railroad cars and
5 all that.

6 I think a lot of people feel that in spite
7 of all the DOE is doing there are, how do I put it,
8 they're not being diligent enough in spite of the
9 things that happened at the Test Site, people
10 getting sick, that type of thing. The Test Site
11 itself has not been managed well.

12 There's abundant testimony from people
13 that work there to say that, including a few people
14 who say they got sick being exposed to different
15 chemicals or whatever. So, I mean, based on that
16 precedent they're wondering how well Yucca Mountain
17 will be managed as well.

18 I'm not accusing anybody, I'm just, you

19 know, so my recommendation to the President would
20 be to find a better spot further into the Nellis
21 Air Force Base, or, you know, some other remote
22 location already held by the federal land. Not
23 that Nevada is such a bad spot, I just think that
24 place in Nevada is a bad spot.

25 And Nevada should be compensated very well
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1 for holding the world's, or at least the nation's
2 sewage, nuclear sewage, you know, and I'm sure they
3 certainly will. But saying something and actually
4 seeing it come to pass are two different things
5 quite often with the government.

6 Well, anyway, so I know this is what this
7 meeting is about, to test the -- to find out
8 whether it's a good site or not, and it's not.
9 Thank you. I appreciate your listening.

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